

QUERIES upon the Prorogation.

Query 1. **W**Hether 'tis not entirely new, that the best Ministry the Nation was ever bless'd with, shou'd be afraid to meet the best Parliament that was ever chosen, when they have nothing to offer to them, but what is for the Good of their Country?

Q. 2. Whether the several Prorogations do not prove beyond Contradiction, that the Peace is such as an English Parliament must needs at first sight approve of?

Q. 3. Whether the *Dutch* did at last consent to grant the Passports for any other Cause, than the Earl of *Strafford's* Menaces, that a Congress shou'd be appointed in *England*, if they did not comply? And whether the Resolution of the States upon this Subject ought not to be produc'd, that the World may judge for what Reasons and upon what Conditions they agreed to grant such Passports?

Q. 4. Whether if the Sense of the Allies is at all to be regarded, it wou'd not also be a great Satisfaction to know what the Emperor and the Elector of *Hanover* have said upon this Occasion?

Q. 5. Whether there be any other Motive for concealing such Articles as are said to be highly for our Advantage in the Separate Treaty with *France*, than the Apprehension of their being so injurious to the *Dutch*, as to hinder them from proceeding in any one farther Step towards the Peace?

Q. 6. What Foreign Country it was to which the *French* Treasurer said he was oblig'd to remit such a great Sum of Money as disabled him from complying with the Demands that were made upon him for the Support of their Army in *Spain*?

Q. 7. Whether it can be suppos'd that Care is not taken for defraying at least the Carriage, and all Charges of the *French* Silks and Wine, so much talk'd of in our News-Papers? And whether it was not reasonable to put off the Parliament till this Cargo should arrive, that the Members might have some Taste and Relish of *French* Civilities?

Q. 8. Whether the King of *France* has kept the Pretender all this time for nothing? And whether as soon as the Alliance is dissolv'd, the Chevalier's Curiosity to travel and see Foreign Countries, may not bend the next Year a little more Northward?

Q. 9. Whether the Alliance and strict Friendship between *England* and *France* in King *Charles's* Reign, did not lay the Foundation of that Popery and Slavery, from which we were so wonderfully delivered at the Revolution? And whether our Friendship with *France* is not now well improv'd, since it is plain by the *Paris Gazette*, that their King has consented to no Preliminaries but those sign'd by Monsieur *Menager*; and yet we are ready to depend upon him for what he has not thought fit to promise, who never before wou'd make good what he was under the strictest Obligations to perform?

Q. 10. Whethen any thing he can promise would do us the least Good, if *Spain* and the *Indies* be left to his own Management? Whether all *Ameri-*

ca would be an Equivalent for the Loss of our Grand Alliance? And whether it is to be hop'd or expected when every Body has seen what no Body likes, that an *English* Parliament will blindly approve what they know nothing of, and under a mistaken Notion of Prerogative, submit all things to the *Wisdom of a Ministry* that does not vouchsafe to trust them with what they are desir'd to approve?

Q. 11. Whether Her M——y's particular Recommendation of the War in *Spain*, the Censure past upon those that were said to have neglected it, and the great Provision made for carrying it on this Year, were not very proper and necessary Steps towards the total Abandoning of it from that time, in order to give up the whole Monarchy to *France* by a shameful and destructive Peace?

Q. 12. Whether the Enemy's Army in *Spain* was not in so ill a Condition, by the Want of all sorts of Provisions and other Necessaries, as that the Army of the Allies might probably have made a very great Progress there, if Money had been remitted in time to enable them to take the Field? And whether some Men have not very good Luck if they can be supported in their desperate Attempts on one side, and their gross Neglects on the other, by disobliging all Men of Consequence in both Parties, and preferring none but Fools and Creatures?

Q. 13. Whether all the Pamphlets that are written in Defence of the present Peace, talk any other Language but *France* and the New Ministry, against the whole Alliance and the Protestant Succession?

Q. 14. Whether any Man who looks into the old Preliminaries, and finds that Care is there taken of the Protestant Succession, as settled by Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain: And who sees that no more is mention'd in the new ones, than the Succession of our Crown according to the present Settlement, can possibly believe that the Alteration was made by Chance? And whether those last Words may not very well be interpreted in such a Sense, as may agree with the *Duchess's* Compliment to the late Queen of *England* upon the Hopes of an approaching Peace?

Q. 15. Whether the new Offer that is made to pass the Occasional Bill, can possibly ensnare or catch any true Son of the Church? Whether there is any Probability that such a Bill should ever pass, under the present Administration? And whether the Success last Year of the Bill of Naturalization, and of the Self-denial-Bill, is not a great Encouragement to hope that this wou'd be ratified?

Q. 16. Whether the several Adjournments at the End of the last Sessions to parcel out and split Places, just after the House had sent up a Place-Bill to the Lords, was not a necessary Introduction to the present repeated Prorogations?

Q. 17. Whether in this unaccountable State of our Affairs, this imminent Danger to us and our Allies, it is not high time for all true *English* Men to lay aside the Distinctions of Parties, to unite against our Enemies at home and abroad, to search into the Bottom of the present Negotiation, and to use all proper Means for discovering the true Rile and Spring of our Friendship with *France*, so unexpected in *Great Britain*, and so astonishing to all *Europe*?